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EPITOPE TAG RECOGNIZED BY A MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TO RICKETTSIA

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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) Monoclonal or polyclonal antibody to the SRTag having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 as an epitope for any tagged protein, wherein said tagged-protein-is-detected-by a mouse monoclonal antibody when the oligonucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 corresponding to SRTag is fused to any protein gene desired to be expressed and detected in bacteria or mammalian cells.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 are pending. Claim 4 is amended herein. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).